

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

The regular Council meeting was held at the M.S. Bailey Center at 6:00 PM with Mayor Bob McLean presiding with Councilmembers Cook, Jenkins, Kuykendall, Neal, Roth and Walsh. The City Manager and the City Attorney were present. No local news media was present. Notice was emailed to all local news media on Friday, January 30, 2021. The Council meeting was closed to the public and citizens could observe the Council meeting on the City's Facebook.

- INVOCATION** The invocation was given by Councilmember Cook.
- PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE** Mayor McLean asked Council and the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- MINUTES** Mayor McLean asked Council to approve the minutes from January 4. Councilmember Cook stated that the January Council minutes should reflect the invocation was given by Councilmember Walsh. Motion was made by Councilmember Kuykendall to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2021 Council meeting along with the amendment and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.
- PROCLAMATIONS
BLACK HISTORY
AMERICAN HEART
ASSOCIATION** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the Proclamations proclaiming February as Black History Month and February as American Heart Association Month. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the Proclamations and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.
- COVID ORDINANCE** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is to consider an Emergency Ordinance to temporarily suspend the normal operating procedures of the City of Clinton City Council meetings and to authorize the City Manager of the City of Clinton to develop and enact a plan in order to ensure continuity in the delivery of Government services in light of COVID-19 outbreak: and matters related thereto. Motion was made by Councilmember Jenkins to approve the Emergency Ordinance and seconded by Councilmember Neal. The vote was unanimous.
- PRESENTATION
PROJECT MANAGER
MONTGOMERY
CONSTRUCTION** Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a presentation from two companies for a Project Manager. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Cannon, City Manager. Mr. Cannon stated that the first presentation is Montgomery Construction located in Lexington, SC. Mr. Ken McCarthy, Director of Business Development, stated that Montgomery Construction is responsive, customer focused and family oriented. Mr. McCarthy stated that Montgomery Construction believes in open communication and they strive to be the best.

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Mr. McCarthy stated that what is unique about Montgomery Construction is the company is cost effective, hands on leadership and the process would be personable. Mr. McCarthy stated that Montgomery Construction would always do the right thing to create a better experience for their clients. Mr. Matt Montgomery, President, stated that Montgomery Construction is local and small enough to care but big enough to deliver. Mr. Montgomery stated that the company has experience in historic renovations as well as large ground up projects. Mr. Montgomery stated that the company offers in-house estimating and in-house marketing. Mr. Montgomery stated that if selected the City would be assigned a team to work with. Mr. Montgomery stated that the three main ways Montgomery Construction would communicate with the City on projects is Microsoft Teams which allows City staff to direct chat with all of the field and management personnel, SharePoint which would give City staff access to all of the projects files, forms and plans and Montgomery Construction uses Phoenix to stay up to date with your project's schedules. Ms. Erin Montgomery, Director of Design, stated that Montgomery Construction uses several ways to market the projects such as drones and social media. Mr. Montgomery presented Council with several examples of the forms and schedules Montgomery Construction utilizes in order to keep the project on track and give access to City staff of the progress. Mayor McLean stated that some of the points this presentation made is important to Council and citizens, which is the communication, drone footage and social media. Mayor McLean asked how are the fees based and Mr. Montgomery stated the fees are 5% of the project. Councilmember Walsh asked if Montgomery Construction has worked with other Municipalities or Government agencies and Mr. Montgomery stated yes. Mr. Montgomery stated that their company has worked with the City of Union, Lexington County and Barnwell. Mayor McLean stated that Montgomery Construction would be able to handle the Recreation Complex along with remodeling the M.S. Bailey Center and Mr. Montgomery agreed. Mr. Cannon stated that the next presentation is from Michael Morgan from DenHam Blythe. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe was founded in 1976 as a design and build firm. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe was established in Lexington, Kentucky but they also have offices in Nashville and Greenville, SC. Mr. Morgan stated that some customers are industrial, automotive, food, healthcare and Education. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe in house staff consists of Architects, Engineers, Interior Design and a Safety Director. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe's construction force manages all areas of the construction. Mr. Morgan presented Council with several slides of Denham Blythe's projects such as the NCEES building in Greenville, SC and the Okonite Company in Orangeburg, SC.

DENHAM BYLTHE

Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe has an in house Safety Program along with the required certifications. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe would provide scheduling and estimating, cost controls and subcontractor management. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe uses Procore to control the projects. Mr. Morgan stated that this software provides access to the project team, project tracking and approval, daily reports, progress photo storage and budget management. Mr. Morgan presented Council with examples of the reports that City staff would have access to view. Councilmember Walsh asked if DenHam Blythe had worked with other Municipalities or Government agencies and Mr. Morgan stated yes. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe has worked with Electric Cooperatives and worked with the Greenville. Mayor McLean stated that DenHam Blythe could serve as designer, contractor and project manager and Mr. Morgan stated yes. Mayor McLean asked if the fees are based on the total cost of the project. Mr. Morgan stated that DenHam Blythe is flexible and could charge a percentage or an hourly rate. Mayor Mclean asked what percentage does DenHam Blythe charge for a project and Mr. Morgan stated from 4% to 4.5%.

**RESOLUTION
SAFETY POLICY**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is a Resolution adopting the 2021 City Council Safety Policy Statement for the City of Clinton. Councilmember Walsh asked if Council passes this Resolution annually and Mr. Entrekin, Human Resource Director, stated yes. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the Resolution and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**SECOND READING
SUBDIVISION
ORDINANCE**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the second reading of the Subdivision Ordinance. Mayor McLean stated that the Planning Commission approved the Ordinance at their October 2020 meeting and Council approved the first reading at the January 4, 2021 Council meeting. Councilmember Roth asked how would the Ordinance be made available to the public and Mayor McLean stated that it would be placed on the City's website and be included in the City's Code Book. Motion was made by Councilmember Walsh to approve the second reading of the Subdivision Ordinance and seconded by Councilmember Cook. The vote was unanimous.

**BIDS
LANDSCAPE PROJECT
BAILEY CENTER**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the bids for the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center Landscape Project. Mayor McLean stated that the City received five bids, which were opened on January 12, 2021.

Mayor McLean stated that W.K. Dickson recommends the City award the base Landscape Project to Design South for a cost of \$48,000 and the two alternate bids as well. Mayor McLean asked Mr. Higgs, Assistant City Manager, to discuss the alternate bids. Mr. Higgs stated that the alternate bids were for four picnic tables and six park benches. Mayor McLean stated that citizens could use the tables and park benches. Councilmember Cook asked if the project is for the front of the M.S. Bailey Center. Mr. Higgs stated that the Landscape Project would cover the front of the building, the side of the building and the back entrance into the building. Mr. Higgs stated that this project does not address the islands in the back of the M.S. Bailey Center. Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to approve the landscape bid from Design South for a cost not to exceed \$48,000 for the M.S. Bailey Center Building and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
BRIEFING**

Mayor McLean stated that the next item on the agenda is the Administrative Briefing. Mayor McLean recognized Mr. Cannon. Mr.

**FERAL CATS
CATHERINE JOHNSON**

Cannon stated that he would like to read a comment from Catherine and Carl Johnson who live at 210 Musgrove Street. Mr. Cannon stated that Ms. Johnson is concerned about feral cats. Ms. Johnson stated that not only are these cats a nuisance but also a health and safety issue. Ms. Johnson stated that she would have to personally trap the cats then take them to a veterinarian to fix the cats and then the veterinarian would return the cats to her. Mayor McLean stated that feral cats is an ongoing issue in Clinton and he does not know the answer. Councilmember Walsh stated that this matter would take some discussion and planning. Mayor McLean stated that the City could research how other Cities are handling this problem. Mr. Cannon stated that CSX would be upgrading the lights and signals on Broad Street and Carolina Avenue. Mr. Cannon stated that CSX would start at 8:30 AM and stop at 2:30 PM. Mr. Cannon stated that CSX would use this schedule until their work is complete. Mr. Cannon stated that several months ago Council approve sewer repairs to Florida Street. Mr. Cannon asked Mr. Meadors, Public Works Director, to discuss this project. Mr. Meadors stated that part of the project has been completed which has reduced the run time of the Florida Lift Stations. Mr. Meadors stated that the coating of the manhole covers would start February 8, 2021. Mayor McLean asked how long would the coating last and Mr. Meadors stated the coating has a ten-year warranty. Mr. Higgs stated that fifteen out of thirty-five Code Enforcement cases between December and February have been resolved. Mr. Higgs stated that most of these cases pertain to excess rubbish. Mr. Higgs stated that City staff have received enquiries about Rhythm on the Rails.

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Rhythm on the Rails

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Mr. Higgs stated that City staff plans for the events to happen but these plans are fluid due to COVID-19. Mr. Higgs stated that the City does have permission from the State to hold the event but City staff would keep a watch on the COVID numbers and make a decision closer to the event. Councilmember Cook asked City staff to keep Council informed about the event before a decision is made and the City announces plans to hold Rhythm on the Rails. Mayor McLean asked if a band has been signed and Mr. Higgs stated yes but due to COVID the contract is fluid.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Councilmember Cook to go into an executive session and discuss one contractual matter regarding the Laurens County Fire Contract, one contractual matter relating to a Project Manager, one contractual matter regarding PMPA, one contractual matter relating to the sale and purchase of City owned property, one personnel matter regarding Boards and Commissions and one contractual matter relating to the Office of the City Manager and return to open session on the call of the chair and seconded by Councilmember Kuykendall. The vote was unanimous.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor McLean declared Council back in open session. Mayor McLean stated that four contractual matters and two personnel matters were discussed and no action was taken.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business before Council motion was made by Councilmember Cook to adjourn and seconded by Councilmember Jenkins. The vote was unanimous.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR